

# **Leon County Sales Tax Committee Meeting**

## **Summary Minutes**

### **January 26, 2012**

**Meeting began at 4:13 p.m.**

#### **Agenda Item #1: Introduction**

Committee members and staff introduced themselves. No members of the committee were absent.

County Administrator and City Manager gave an overview of purpose of Sales Tax Committee, Blueprint 2000, and importance of public/citizen involvement.

#### **Agenda Item #2: Review of the Enabling Resolution**

County Administrator and City Manager briefly reviewed Enabling Resolution and its scope.

Upon the conclusion of the introduction and review of the enabling resolution, the County Administrator and City Manager held a question and answer period with the members of the Committee. The following questions were addressed:

- How much will staff be involved?
  - Staff will ensure that the committee has the support and the information necessary to fulfill the obligations of the committee's enabling resolution.
- How will the sales tax split determine between city, county, and Blueprint 2000?
  - This will be determined by the committee, this is the revenue source used to fund infrastructure projects.
- Is there any implication on how the area will look in five (5) years?
  - Numerous projects have been established to enhance and implement our vision, such as the comprehensive plan, which will be discussed at a committee meeting.
- Will there be a system in place to measure and analyze the economic stimulus with a matrix?
  - Staff will be receiving guidance from committee.

#### **Agenda Item #3: Sunshine Law Review**

Dan Rigo, Leon County Attorney's Office, reviewed and discussed Sunshine State Laws.

#### **Agenda Item #4: Review the Proposed Calendar**

Jay Townsend, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the proposed schedule. Approximately ten meetings will be held over the next 10 months. The meetings will occur on the 4th Thursday of each month, any exception to this is noted in the proposed calendar. The Project development process will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting, February 23, 2012.

Cristina Paredes, Leon County Intergovernmental Affairs and Special Projects Coordinator reviewed the agenda distribution process with the committee. All members will have material a week in advance. Hardcopy packets will be made available at City Hall, Leon County Courthouse, and Blueprint. Electronic copies will be available online and will be emailed in Adobe (.pdf) format.

**Agenda Item #5: Public Input Process**

Tedder discussed the public participation and suggested that the first 15 minutes of each meeting be dedicated to public/citizen speakers. The committee did not object.

**Agenda Item #6: Approval of Bylaws**

Rosenzweig discussed the proposed bylaws.

Rick Bateman made motion to have all amendments pass with super majority (2/3) of those in attendance. The motion was seconded by Bill Peebles. The motion was opened for discussion and was discussed.

Steve Evans made a substitute motion for all amendments to the bylaws to pass by 2/3 vote of quorum. The motion was seconded by Henree Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #7: Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Curtis Richardson nominated Steve Evans for Chair of the committee. The motion was seconded by Kim Rivers.

Steve Evans nominated Todd Sperry for Chair of the committee. The motion was seconded by Henree Martin.

All votes for Chairperson were written on vote cards requiring the voters' name and vote for chairperson.

Steve Evans was elected Chair of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee by an 11-7 vote. R.B. Holmes nominated Terrance Hinson for Vice-Chair of the committee. The motion was seconded by Dan Newman.

William Tucker nominated Curtis Richardson for Vice-Chair of the committee. The motion was seconded by Tom O'Steen.

Henree Martin nominated Todd Sperry for Vice-Chair of the committee. The motion was seconded by Kim Rivers

All votes for Vice-Chair were written on vote cards requiring the voters' name and vote for Vice-Chair. No candidate received a majority of the votes: 9 for Sperry, 5 for Richardson, 4 for Hinson. A run-off was held for the two candidates with the most votes: Sperry and Richardson.

All votes in the first run-off for Vice-Chair were written on vote cards requiring the voters' name and vote for Vice-Chair. Chairman Evans announced a tie vote: 9 votes for both Richardson and Sperry. The Chairman presented the committee with two options: (1) flip a coin or (2) take another vote. The Committee decided to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> run-off to elect a Vice-Chairperson.

All votes in the second run-off for Vice-Chair were written on vote cards requiring the voters' name and vote for Vice-Chair. Chairman Evans announced another tie vote: 9 votes for both Richardson and Sperry. Sperry withdrew his nomination.

The Chairman called for a voice vote to elect Curtis Richardson the Vice Chair of the committee. With a unanimous voice vote Richardson is named Vice-Chairman of the Sales Tax Committee.

**Other Committee Business:**

Kim Rivers announced that the next scheduled meeting conflicts with an EDC meeting.

Kim Rivers made a motion to change the February 23 meeting to 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The motion was seconded by Todd Sperry. The motion passes unanimously

Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and stated that he looks forward to working with everyone during this process.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.